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SUBJECT: PW/MIA'S - SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ICRC EXECUTIVE  
PRESIDENT ROGER GALLOPIN

1.FOLLOWING ARE TRANSLATIONS OF ARTICLES IN  
GENEVA PRESS ON KISSINGER-GALLOPIN MEETING FEBRUARY 17.  
SUGGEST THESE BE PASSED TO MIA FAMILIES THROUGH SERVICE  
NEWSLETTER AND NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES.  
BEGIN TEXTS: TRIBUNE DE GENEVE, FEB . 18: (HEADLINE)  
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KISSINGER: WASHINGTON WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE

ACTIVITIES OF THE ICRC.

MR. HENRY KISSINGER HAS TOLD MR. ROGER GALLOPIN, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN TOWARD THE ICRC "AN ATTITUDE OF MORAL AND MATERAIL SUPPORT WHENEVER IT IS NEEDED."

THAT IS WHAT MR. GALLOPIN SIAD AT THE DNE OF A 20-MINUTE CONVERSATION MONDAY MORNING IN THE SUITE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL.

THIS CHAT,HELD ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE ICRC, ALLOWED THE LATTER TO REVIEW FOR MR. KISSINGER ALL THE THREAERS OF OPERATIONS IN WHICH THE GENEVA ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY IS ENGAGED: THE MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, INDOCHINE, ETHIOPIA AND SO ON. EACH TIME THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS AID TO HAVE EXPRESSED THE "APPRECIATION" OF HIS GOVERNMENT FOR THE ACTIVITY OF THE ICRC.

MR. GALLOPIN ALSO STATED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HAS ORGANIZATION ATTACHES TO THE SUCCESS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION OF HUMANIATRIAN LAW WHICH IS BEING HELD CURRENTLY IN GENEVA. HE ALSO AFFIRMED THAT ICRC ACTION MUST BE SUPPORTED "BY THE TOTALITY OF GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE, IN FACT, WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE OF GOVERNMENTS WE CAN DO NOTHING USEFUL." HE ALSO EXPRESSED BEFORE MR. KISSINGER "HIS PREOCCUPATION OVER A CERTAIN POLITICIZATION THAT HAS OFTEN BEEN SEEN DISTURBINGLY INTRODUCED, EVEN IN OUR OWN FIELD OF ACTION". HIS LISTENER APPARENTLY HAD SIMILAR FEELINGS.

THE DISCUSSION WAS ALSO DEVOTED TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE SOME 900 AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL REPORTED MISSING IN INDOCHINA, TO WHICH MUST BE ADDED, ACCORDING TO MR. FRANK SIEVERTS OF THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, 1,400 INDIVIDUALS CONSIDERED LEGALLY AS DEAD BUT WHOSE BODIES HAVE NEVER BEEN FOUND.MR.GALLOPIN SAID THAT THE ICRC WAS CONCERNING ITSELF WITH THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM AND THAT HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH NORTH VIETNAM ON THIS SUBJECT.

2.LE COURIER DE GENEV, FEB. 18:(HEADLINE)

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KISSINGER MET THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE ICRC.

THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE,HENRY KISSINGER, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC), MR. ROGER GALLOPIN, HAD A 30-MINUTE CHAT YESTERDAY MORNING WHICH DEALTH WITH THE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON BY THE IRCR. FOLLOWING TALKS,

MR. GALLOPIN SAID THAT HE HAD STRESSED THAT THESE ACTIVITIES COULD NOT ACHIEVE TRAGIBLE RESULTS WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTS. MR. KISSINGER ASSURED MR. GALLOPIN THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE COULD COUNT ON TOTAL SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES. MR. GALLOPIN ALSO INDICATED THAT THE DISCUSSION HAD PARTICULARLY TOUCHED ON THE FATE OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS REPORTED MISSING IN INDOCHINA, "ANEXTEREMLY PAINFUL PROBLEM" FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES. THE DISCUSSION ALSO DEALT WITH THE CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW. MR. GALLOPIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING POSITIVE RESULTS FROM THE CONFERENCE. MR. KISSINGER HOWED HIMSELF VERY EAGER TO HELP US IN THIS DIRECTION, MR. GALLOPIN INDICATED.

THE DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE AT THE REQUEST OF MR. GALLOPIN TO REVIEW THE RANGE OF ICRC ACTIVITIES, AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN, FOR HIS PART, INDICATED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE IS A TOTAL OF 2,300 MISSING IN INDOCHINA, OF WHOM 1,400 ARE CONSIDERED DEAD AND WHOSE BODIES HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND AND 900 REPORTED MISSING BUT WITHOUT ANY OTHER DETAILS OF WHAT HAS BECOME OF THEM.

3. JOURNAL DE GENEVE, FEB 18:

MONDAY MORNING, BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART,MR.KISSINGER RECEIVED FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ICRC, MR. ROGER GALLOPIN; THE TWO MEN DISCUSSED A RANGE OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS AND A NOTABLE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WAS AMERICAN SOLDIERS FALLEN IN COMBAT IN INDOCHINA; M. GALLOPIN ALSO ASKED FOR THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES IN ACTIONS LED BY THE HUMANITARIAN BODY.  
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